

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2119**  
Akira TAKAYASU et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0076A  
Serial No. 10/567,684 : Group Art Unit 2837  
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**REQUEST FOR EXAMINER-INITIALED PTO-1449 FORMS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Examiner has not returned an Examiner-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form submitted with the IDS of November 13, 2007. A duplicate copy of said Form is submitted herewith. The Examiner is kindly requested to return an Examiner-Initialed copy of the Form with the next correspondence, thus indicating that the Examiner has considered the references cited therein.

Additionally, reference AI on the PTO-1449 Form submitted with the IDS filed February 9, 2006 has not been initialed by the Examiner. A PTO-1449 Form citing only this reference is also submitted herewith. This reference was crossed through by the Examiner, presumably because an English translation of the reference was not provided. However, Applicants remind the Examiner that this reference was cited on the International Search Report, an English translation of which was submitted with the reference. This English translation of the International Search report fulfills the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of the reference. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the reference, and return an Examiner-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

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